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This has been a most interesting and white winter. Out back the snow is still hard and deer hoof tracks are clearly imprinted. The birds, squirrels, and deer are always eager for handouts. Get rid of any winter doldrums by coming to our next meeting **Monday, March 24th, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library**, when photographer **Nanci Ori** presents a program on Digital Photography. With a BA Fine Arts and an MS in Visual Communications, Nancy Ori, the owner of NJ Media Center, LLC in Berkeley Heights, is respected internationally as an industrial photographer and video producer for over three decades. She teaches photography and painting workshops each year in the USA and Europe. Her work is in museums and galleries throughout the globe and in such permanent collections as the Bergen Museum of art, the Noyes Museum, the Newark Museum, Merrill Lynch-Princeton, the Armand Hammer Museum in LA, Novartis Corp. Headquarters-NYC, and the Museum of Modern Art in NYC. You will really learn a lot and see a lot during Nanci's presentation. President Alka Dalal is looking for a volunteer for Hospitality for this meeting. Please contact her at **908-393-6561** or alkadalal@hotmail.com Nanci's website is <http://nancyoriphotography.com/>

A good group of RVAAers enjoyed Lena Shiffman's excellent flowing technique in watercolor demo on February 24th; we thank Lena for that and remember, you can see more of her work at www.lenashiffman.com We thank Bill Metz for providing hospitality and he and his friend Zhicheng for taking care of the overhead mirror

You all know about our Bus Trip—hooray for Marge McGovern who once again is running our Big Apple Bus trip to New York City. **Have you signed up yet?** Although the bus company is charging a bit more we are keeping our price the same as last year...\$35. **Big Apple Trip. Saturday, April 19, 2014** RVAA is headed for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club in lower New York (47 Fifth Ave). You may send a check made out to RVAA for \$35. to Marge, PO Box 399, Martinsville, 08836 You must come—all the art and camaraderie! Plus, you can probably fit in a most entertaining half hour at the Forbes Museum diagonally across the street from the Salmagundi. Take it from your editor that it is one fine small museum. So cheerful! The trip is great and is so simple for you—8:30 am we meet at the upper parking lot of the library (i.e. Vo-Tech School). In a comfortable bus with a rest room we are driven to the front of the Met around 10 am. Then we will all meet out front about 2:30 and go to the AWS Show. You are home about 6, after enjoying driving-home refreshments. All this for just \$35!

(trust your editor on this-it has taken me as long as 2 1/2 hours each way to get to these places, that's 5 hours of subways, busses, and trains; this is so much easier and enjoyable. Adding it all up, it's about as cheap as doing it all by your lonesome). Checks are due by April 5th. Reserve your place for this special trip. Questions? Marge is at 732/356-7800. There is an admission fee for the Met, but not for the AWS Exhibit or the Forbes Museum. Of course you may bring your family, your friends, your significant other. We're a welcoming group! **Note: here's a list of the special exhibitions at the Met for when we're there, courtesy of Marge...**

The Passions of Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux
Lost Kingdoms: Hindu-Buddist sculpture of Early Southeast Asia, 5th to 8th Century
Lucas Samaras: Offerings from a Restless Soul
Charles Marville: Photographer of Paris
The Flowering of Edo Period Painting: Japanese Masterworks from the Feinberg Collection
Making Pottery Art: The Robert A. Ellison Jr. Collection of French Ceramics (ca 1880-1910)
Antonio Canova: The Seven Last Works
The American West in Bronze 1850-1925
Early American Guitars: The Instruments of C. F. Martin
Cleopatra's Needle (Central Park obelisk)

President Alka Dalal has secured a show for us at the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Gallery in the Somerset County Administration building in Somerville (20 Grove Street). The show will hang April 14th; there will be a \$5 entrance fee. Eleanor Morehouse (732/873-2080) and husband, and Donna Souren (732/873-2080) have kindly volunteered to coordinate our show and will be there when the paintings are delivered. Delivery will be Monday, April 14th at 10 am; pickup is Friday, May 23rd at 10 am. The gallery receives 15% commission. The gallery does have insurance, but there is a \$250 deductible. The painting does not have to be for sale, but does need an insurance value.

There is \$5 fee per artist for one larger painting or two, if one is 16" x 20" or smaller and the other is 11" x 14" or smaller. You can bring your form filled out to our next meeting or mail to Eleanor Morehouse, 97 McGuffey Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873. Form is at end of Newsletter. **The deadline is by our next meeting March 24th.** Members who are participating in this show are requested to forward a .jpg format digital photo (just one) of their painting at 300 dpi to Kaitlin Bundy at bundy@co.somerset.nj.us. The subject line should be: "RVAA Exhibit". Send by March 17, the latest to be considered for their newsletter.

Read away the "winter doldrums" with the CNJIRA Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School 128 Merriwood Rd., Bridgewater, NJ. This festival is a great opportunity for your students/child/children (grades K-6) to chat with over 20 authors and illustrators, purchase their books and have them signed. Listen to 20 minute presentations by the authors and illustrators, too! Price: \$5.00 per family. Questions: 908-832-6651 or visit www.CNJIRA.org (Central NJ International Reading Assoc.) The reason this is in the Newsletter is because you are familiar with several of the author/illustrators as they have demonstrated for RVAA. There will be more than 25 there, including **Doris Ettlinger, Leeza Hernandez, and Diana Patton.** (I'm excited, never did this before)

From their bookmark...

Over 25 Authors and Illustrators all in one place who are: Presenting their craft, selling their books, signing their books, and engaging in one on one conversation with **YOU!** Bring your grandkids, too.

Artists wanted—Adult Day Center of Somerset County...The Center moved to its permanent location at 872 East Main Street, Bridgewater in July 2011. To enrich our member's experience, we installed a hanging system throughout the main halls of the facility with the goal of presenting three to four special art exhibitions per year. We are looking for artists and artist groups with whom to partner. Phone: 908-725-0069, Fax: 908-725-2995.

For more information, please contact Hilary Kruchowy, Director of Development at (908) 725-0068 or hkruchowy@aduldaycenter.org. For more information about Adult Day Center of Somerset County, please visit their website www.aduldaycenter.org.

Artists wanted:

We are looking for a group of 10-15 artists to lend 3-5 pieces of their work for special exhibitions. We are focusing on work that can be hung on our hanging system and everything lent must be "ready to hang." Work can be for sale and will be labeled with artist contact information. We will host an exhibition opening that will be promoted to our members, family and supporters during the exhibition time.

* Deadlines for submission: July 31 for Fall exhibition October 31 for Winter exhibition
January 14 for Spring exhibition March 31 for Summer exhibition

* Since this is a new venture, we are extremely flexible with the timing.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

DONNA SOUREN has two paintings in a group exhibit at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center in Basking Ridge through May. Donna also has two watercolors, "Trout Lilies" and "Early Crocus", at the Leonard J. Buck Gardens annual Art & Photography Show until March 14th. The reception was March 7th from 1-4. **GERI OLDMAN** also has a painting in the exhibit.

Your editor is still blogging as though she's on Maui because she has more photos and adventures to tell...please check out www.dianapatton.com/blog and see Maui from Diana's viewpoint.

Please send me your news! HAPPY PAINTING!

Happy Painting!
Diana

Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission C & H Gallery Artist's Information

Title of Art work _____ Value _____

Medium _____ Dimensions _____

Is Art work available for sale? YES \$ _____ NO

(if two small pieces) Title of Art work _____ Value _____

Medium _____ Dimensions _____

Is Art work available for sale? YES \$ _____ NO

Name of the artist: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ email

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